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# LOOK

## ON THE FIELDS

### Home Missions and Extension

COME WITH ME on an armchair journey — east, west, north and south — among our home missions and extension churches. We shall visit four Sunday School Forward Enlargement Campaign operations, then call at three other stations to see what's doing in big and little locations. This will be an easy trip, I assure you; but may God grant that it enable us with more holy zeal to LOOK on the fields.

#### Forward Enlargement Campaign

**WALSINGHAM CENTRE**—If this church at Port Rowan, Ontario, is shorthanded, the efficiency and ingenuity of the Pawelskis are certainly under divine guidance for a marked measure of compensation. Mrs. Pawelski begins with an idea found in some book on church school education, stiffens it by comparison with suggestions from other authors, and then seasons it generously with the spices of adaptation.

It was decided to promote the Enlargement Campaign last October by play on *bees* and *honey*. Two large pieces of cardboard were cut in the shape of a hive, the front one of a color to suggest honey. Between these two cardboards the honeymaking process went on. The Sunday school was divided into five groups — beginners, primaries, juniors, teenagers, and adults, each group having its own color which was charted onto the honeycomb in proportion to the number present plus visitors brought in. You never heard of red,

green, blue, orange, or purple honey? These people didn't either; but this honeycomb cared not about the color of its honey, just so it was filled!

Storytime after classes each Sunday was devoted to one or another of such bees as Bee-happy, Bee-gentle, and Bee-helpful, based on *A Hive of Bees* by Effie M. Williams. Brother Weaver, one of the Sunday school teachers and a beekeeper, one Sunday gave a very interesting object lesson on bees and honey to show how Christians should work for God.

Total October attendance did not quite break the record set in 1962, but added up to eleven more than last year. Some children and young people and one adult never known to have been in Walsingham Centre Sunday School before, started during the October contest.

Prizes? Yes. Not much money to spend, but kind Brother Weaver agreed to prepare a small square of honeycomb in a jar of extracted honey for each member of the winning team. (Which one was it? Wonder why they did not tell us?)

This Sunday school projected the Forward Enlargement Campaign beyond the four Sundays of October.

The Busy Bee feature helped to hold the attention of the children. May they also learn to love the Lord Jesus. May they come to find that "... the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether ... sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb" (Psalm 19:9b and 10b).



Llewellyn, Pennsylvania, Sunday School.

**LLEWELLYN**—To tell the truth, spring-time is the time of increase in this small Pennsylvania community, and that without the formal effort of a Forward Enlargement Campaign. The second quarter of 1964 showed an average attendance of 88 as compared with 75 for the same period of 1963.

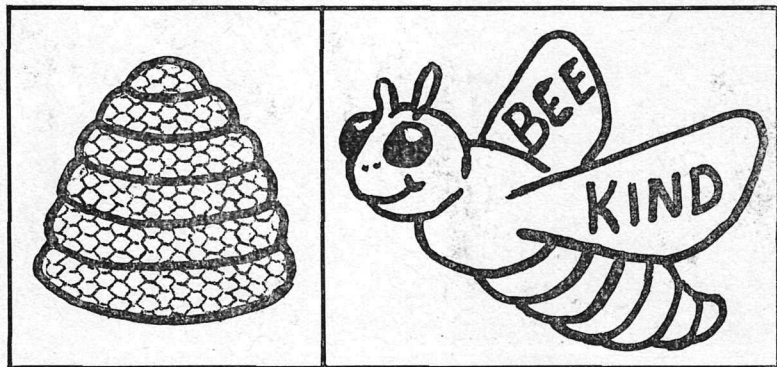
When came October, however, they did not "rest on their oars." Their goal was ten new members for the Sunday school, promoted by the slogan, "Win ten." Each pupil was urged to invite ten people. Five teams made ten calls each on absentees and prospects. Sunday school prayer meeting, which is held the last Wednesday night of each month, in September was devoted to seeking the Lord's guidance and His blessing on the Campaign and the Sunday school.

The first Sunday of October was designated as Rally Day; the second, Boys' Day; the third, Girls' Day; and the fourth, Adult Sunday. Local talent presented a special program each Sunday. Fifty-five more people were present than during October of 1963. Much of this increase, however, was a projection from the spring "swell." This is evident from the fact that October showed an average of only 89 as compared with 88 in the second quarter of the year.

The year-long buildup helped to put Llewellyn in the first place for Class C Sunday schools in the Atlantic Conference, and fifth at the churchwide level.

Pastor Charles Melhorn feels that enlargement from this Campaign has been for his church an enlargement of vision, an increase of concern for others, and a unification of the congregation.

**BALTIMORE**—Growing, growing, growing on, describes the Marlyn Avenue church here. A year ago, a Sunday school class of 13 boys moved into the furnace room. By November the Allegheny Conference Extension Board made a study of the situation, which obviously showed the need for an education building. The present active enrollment is 215, with an average attendance of 143 over an eight-Sunday period. How would you handle classes like these: 32 Primaries; 40 Juniors; and 75 Adults?



(LEFT) The Attendance Beehive; (RIGHT) One of the Story Hour "Bees."





Twenty-two of more than forty Juniors at the Marlyn Avenue, Baltimore, Church, with two lady teachers and an assistant. (This was Thanksgiving Vacation Sunday.)

In spite of already crowded quarters, Marlyn Avenue began the Forward Enlargement Campaign in September and continued it right through November. To begin, a kind friend offered a silver dollar to the pupil in each class who brought the most visitors during September. Then, there was planning, praying, observance of special days, offering of gifts, and extending of invitations. There is still joy in the harvest. Since the first of October seven new families attend Sunday school and church. Families have brought new families, and these are bringing other new families.

The congregation is largely composed of employed people, and they are generous givers. Current activities are self-supporting. The church is paying the interest and a modest amount toward the principal of the building fund indebtedness. (The Extension Board shoulders the major part of this obligation.)

And all the while, the field enlarges! A new housing development brings to approximately fifteen hundred homes the potential constituency in the immediate vicinity of the church.

With such stirring activity in a constantly growing community, do you not see that more help is needed? The Turmans are the only assigned workers. Phyllis and Loine Engle from Dayton,

Ohio, are schoolteachers in the city and their assistance is invaluable. But there is still great need — wide open opportunity — in a diversity of church work.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW CHAPEL**—At the middle of September this Sunday school in Colorado Springs set up a "Break the Record" campaign. Pastor Ethan Gramm suggested that each class endeavor to break its own previous record by at least one new member. Phonograph records, marked with class names, were used to visualize the project. The plan was explained to the Sunday school; it was supported by excellent bulletin board displays; it was publicized by items in the newspaper.

Bob Newkirk of the Navigators was secured for Rally Day. Total attendance for the month of October was 350, with an average of 88 and a high of 97. In 1962, the total ran to 400 with an average of 100.

Yet Mountain View was by no means defeated. Three classes literally "broke the record." Moreover, the contest went right on through November with a permanent follow-up plan.

All members of the Sunday school are listed on a large board, mounted in the foyer of the church. Beside each name is a little peg on which to hang a tag. First Sunday the scholar is absent, a white tag indicates that the class is responsible for a visit; second Sunday, a yellow tag, for which the teacher makes a call. Third Sunday, absence is visualized by a green tag, and the superintendent takes over. Fourth Sunday, a red tag calls the pastor into action. Finally, a black tag somberly pictures the situation. Now it is everybody's responsibility, until the "one lost sheep" is brought back.

Seems to be a very workable idea. Don't you agree?

#### Training Leaders

Pioneer Girls organizations are rather widely distributed throughout our congregations; but the Christian Service



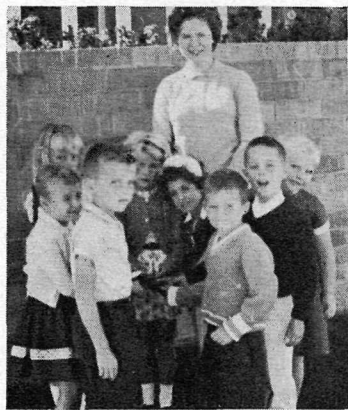
Battalion of Boys' Christian Service Brigade, Ridgemount Church, Hamilton, Ontario.

Brigade, a comparable activity for boys, is not so well known. Rev. J. Allan Heise, pastor of the Ridgemount congregation at Hamilton, Ontario, has taken this project seriously, and is seeing good results.

First, it was necessary to train leaders in accordance with a course outlined by Boys' Christian Service Brigade headquarters—since no one was acquainted with the program. Mr. Morry Worosbyt of Burlington, the area representative for Brigade, was most helpful in getting the work started.

Ridgemount organized their first Brigade in February of 1961 with ten charter members. In the following four years approximately forty boys have participated in the program. The present enrollment is about twenty. Some of these boys do not attend church or Sunday school anywhere; for them, Brigade is the only contact with the gospel and Christian leaders. It is very heartening to note visible evidences of potential leadership among boys who have completed this training.

This program provides activity for an hour and a half, one night a week. The Captain or his Lieutenant opens the



Each of these three classes at Mountain View Chapel, Colorado Springs, actually broke its own previous record. (LEFT) Primary I Class, Mrs. Sandra Lemesany, teacher; (CENTER) Junior Girls, Mrs. Nora Lenehan, teacher; (RIGHT) High School Class, Dan Lenehan, teacher.



meeting with prayer. The group then breaks up into squads, consisting of from three to eight boys, each in charge of a Corporal or a Lance Corporal. This leader arranges a devotional period, introduces any newcomer to the program, and gives Achievement Tests. These are conducted in the areas of Bible Reading, Bible Memory Work, Physical Strength, and Knowledge of Sports. Completion of these achievements by each boy is duly recognized; he receives a reward, and is then ready to work on achievements for higher rank.

Following squad meetings there is a little break for games and fun, after which the boys all gather in a circle for Council Ring Time. Here one of the leaders relates an incident or tells a story relevant to Christian faith and conduct; again there is prayer, and the entire group unites in the following watchword:

*"Now we trust in God to keep us  
Bright and keen for Christ  
— Because we love Him,  
— Because we want to serve Him,  
— Until we see Him face to face."*

Inter-Brigade activities, such as hockey and baseball, from time to time provide an opportunity for the local boys to meet other Christian Service Brigades.

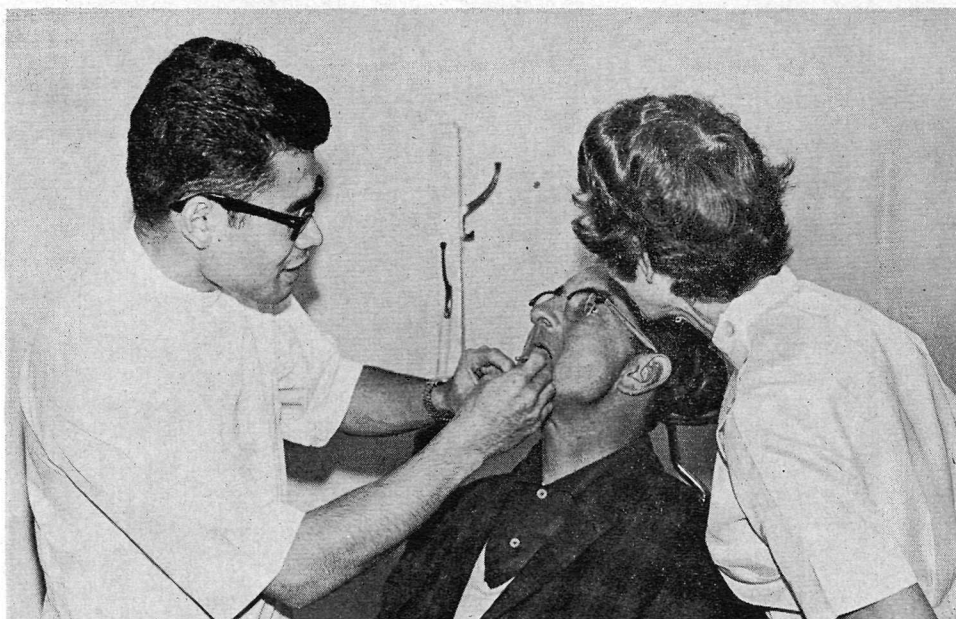
The enthusiasm of Brother Heise's boys belies the frequently made statement that teenagers "don't want to be told what to do." Christian Service Brigade provides a satisfying degree of regimentation which gives a sense of belonging, and promotes Christian faith and character. God said: "... my word . . . that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void . . ." (Isaiah 55:11).

#### Fellowship

Pleasant View church at Red Lion, Pennsylvania, had a beautiful day in August for their Sunday school outing. It was attended not only by members of the Sunday school, but also by neighbors and other friends of the James Spyker family, on whose beautiful and spacious lawn it was held. Brother Spyker is the church school superintendent.

A delightful social hour was enjoyed by all present as they surrounded one long table to partake of a bountiful potluck supper. It was a pleasure to have Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wingert, recently returned from relief work in Burundi, Africa, as guests of honor.

The evening was climaxed by a vesper service, with group singing as well as special numbers. Of special interest was a word-and-picture report given by



San Francisco Life Line Mission Dental Clinic is open.

the Wingerts. Finally, before dispersal the host and hostess served homemade ice cream.

Another delightful occasion at Pleasant View came in September when the congregation surprised Pastor Samuel Lady and his family with gifts of food, artistically displayed on a table at the front of the church. There was a miniature dogwood tree centerpiece, leafed with greenbacks—a love gift to the pastor's wife for keeping God's house clean. (Any congregation with unpaid janitor service, please note.)

The generosity of God's people was like a lovely fragrance; the mutual fellowship of giving and receiving was precious.

#### Something Added

Something's been added to the many-faceted program of the Life Line Mission in San Francisco. Supplementing the Medical Clinic, there is now also a Dental Clinic. Oral surgery, the initial phase of this new department, was begun in November. Both clinics are held weekly on Monday night.

A considerable amount of work was necessary to convert a large storage area, adjacent to the Medical Clinic, into usable and attractive quarters. In addition, a darkroom for the development of dental X-rays and a sterilizing room for proper care of instruments, had to be outfitted, equipped with plumbing, and painted. Much of the work was done by men in the Mission's rehabilitation program. Assistance with the painting was given by volunteers from the Bay area.

All equipment was solicited from local dentists, and the Mission is in-

debted to them for the invaluable material contributions. One retiring dentist donated the bulk of his office equipment, including two chairs, an X-ray machine, several sterilizers, drilling unit (containing gas, air, and water), and an air compressor.

A key person in the inception, operation, and supervision of the Clinic is Dr. John Edrington, a successful oral surgeon at Palo Alto, formerly an instructor at the University of California Medical Center. He became acquainted with the Mission through the Life Line Reporter, and volunteered his services for the Dental Clinic.

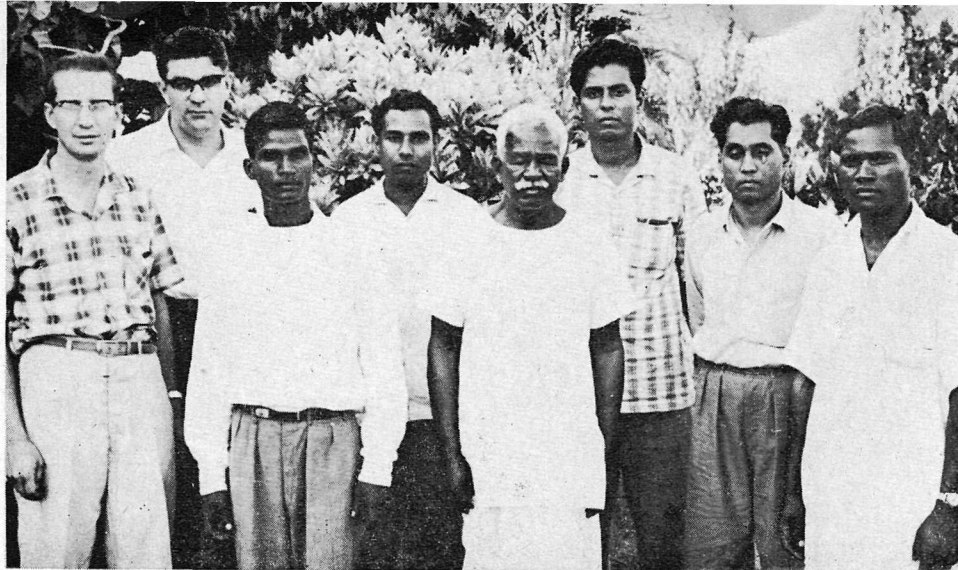
The Christian Medical Society of San Francisco, staffs both the Medical and the Dental Clinic. Students do the actual work; upper classmen treating the dental patients, lower classmen assisting, and the University giving competent supervision at all times.

By the example of our Lord Jesus, we know it is a Christian duty to have compassion on physical suffering. Both Clinics meet a tremendous need in this area.

Skid Row patients who know so little of lovingkindness, respond to free treatment of an injury or an ailment with gratitude. The Medical Clinic has already demonstrated that here is an unexcelled opportunity to present the good news of the saving grace of God. And herein lies the basic purpose of Life Line Mission: to bring this good news to sin-sick, heart-hungry, never-dying souls.

Pray that this new and vital ministry in the Dental Clinic will prosper in this objective, and bring glory to the Saviour's wonderful name. ▶





The Church Executive Committee: H. Sider, A. Pye, Luke Murmu, Patras Das, Benjamin Marandi, H. K. Paul, Surendra Rai, Patras Hembrom, (missing is Dr. Mann).

## Fiftieth Anniversary or *Julsa*

Brethren in Christ Missions in India — 1914-1964

*November 3-6, Banmankhi Mission*

*November 8, Sunday, Saharsa Mission*

GOLDEN JUBILEE PREPARATIONS by the Church Executive Committee had begun months ago. Detailed planning was turned over to a sub-committee: Arthur and Phyllis Pye, H. K. Paul, Patras Das. This committee, in turn, arranged for committees on Lodging and Grounds, Catering, Transportation, Special Hospitality, Sports, Children's Meetings and Supervision, Decorations, Publicity and Protocol (very important to smooth functioning of a program involving so many classes and races of people), Promotional Activities.

Each committee member and chairman, as well as all special personnel, were sent a personal announcement of their appointment and a detailed outline of the duties expected of them.

It was most gratifying to note the cooperation and sense of responsibility with which the committees began to plan their work. The Publicity and Protocol Committee spent many long hours preparing lists of Brethren in Christ members and friends scattered here and there

in India, printing notices, invitations to special functions, programs, registration cards, etc. The Lodging and Grounds Committee and the Catering Committee had difficult tasks, as no one knew how many might attend. They rose to the occasion nobly when 800 people arrived—many more than expected.

### Tuesday, November 3rd

THE DAY—Many tents were already pitched; more were being erected. The Food Committee *thought* they were ready.

Miss Hare and staff from the Christian Bookstore in Saharsa had set up a stall under a wide-spreading tree near the aluminum chapel. Complete with posters, displays, and special concessions on Bibles, the spot attracted everyone.

The decoration committee had prepared a welcome sign emblazoned on red cloth; flags and pictures decorated the children's outdoor classroom and a large white banner, inscribed in blue, proclaimed in both Hindi and Santali: "GIVE ALL PEOPLE THE GOOD NEWS THAT JESUS IS KING."

Our hosts, Harvey and Erma Sider, had to be everywhere at once—answering requests for safety pins, bamboo, lanterns, alarm clock, bedding, and so on. A special vote of thanks to them from the missionary family!

THE GUESTS ARRIVE (afternoon and evening)—By train, jeep, on foot—from everywhere: Barjora, Saharsa, Madhipura, Purnea, surrounding villages, from cities farther afield: Calcutta, Gorakhpur, and even Delhi. Over 500 adults had registered by time for the evening meal; counting small children, there were at least 600 in attendance. The food committee was faced with crisis! But they saw it through and fed the last people after midnight.

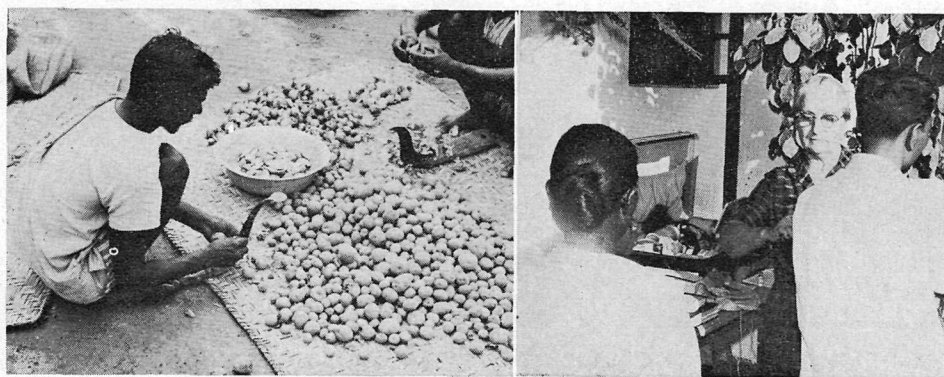
### Wednesday, November 4th

WELCOME!—The special guests, with Rev. A. Pye and the host District Superintendent, Rev. Benjamin Marandi, took their places on the pandal platform at 6:30 a.m. before a crowd that overflowed pandal and *shamiana* (temporary shelter). In traditional Indian style, girls from Barjora garlanded the visitors and sang a song of welcome.

Rev. Marandi read Psalm 48 in Santali and Hanok Marandi read it in Hindi. After prayer the following guests were introduced and given opportunity to greet the people: Mr. Paul Lall, Bihar Christian Council Secretary; Rev. E. Metzler from the States and Mr. V. Reimer of Calcutta—both of MCC; Mr. Lorne Grove, new PAX man at Barjora; Rev. and Mrs. Jams Cober and Verna Gible, most recent additions to our missionary family, taking time out from language study in Allahabad; Rev. and Mrs. Roy Mann, veteran Africa missionaries, bringing greetings from the Board for World Missions and the Home Church. Brethren in Christ personnel from New Delhi also greeted the people: Rev. and Mrs. Allen Buckwalter, working in radio; Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Smith, among students in university.

We were especially glad to have a number of the orphans return and fellowship with us—and also Mr. D. N. Singh, who had worked with us at Barjora for many years, helping in the boys' hostel and with the church services.

THEME of the Jubilee was "The Unfinished Task." Clarifying the great task of the church, Rev. A. L. Pye, Chairman of the Church Executive Committee, re-



Vital workers in the Jubilee: (LEFT) Part of the "kitchen crew" peeling potatoes; (RIGHT) The camp nurse.





Part of the Barjora group arrive, including the Pyes and Lorne Grove, with the Manns from America and the Smiths from Delhi (Joe Smith, son of mission founder).



Crowds attracted by the gaily decorated book stall.



The Registrar—overwhelmed by the unexpected number of arrivals.

minded us that God has entrusted to His SON the *task* of Reconciliation and to us, His CHURCH, the *word* and *ministry* of Reconciliation. This is our *unfinished task*.

PEOPLE SAY—"This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship with Christians from all parts of our brotherhood."

"There isn't the usual quarreling [between races and levels of caste] that I've seen in other group meetings."

"I appreciate the mingling of the Santal and Hindi speaking people."

"Tears came to my eyes as I saw so many people gathered on the Banmankhi compound, and there stood a large lighted cross on the new hostel building. It's all because of HIM."

"The big and the small are all 'one' in our men's tent."

#### Thursday, November 5th

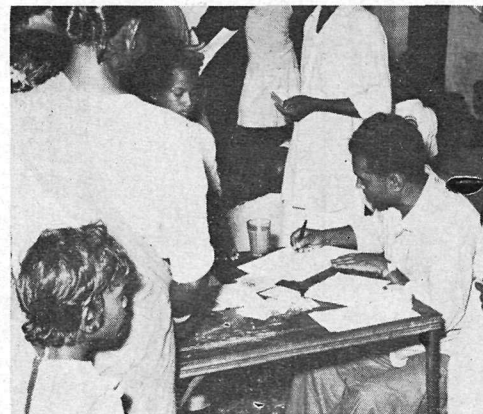
BACK ON SCHEDULE—"We had charge of the schedule for the first half day; since then it has had charge of us!" Brother Pye had said earlier. But things have changed! Food is ready on time, and there is plenty for all—thanks to the Chairman of the Catering Committee, Rev. Hem Paul, whom we scarcely ever see but who is giving almost 24-hour service to see that 800 people are fed several times a day. Thanks to his able helpers also!

COMMUNION SERVICE—HIGHLIGHT OF THE GOLDEN JUBILEE—All the believers in Christ were eager to come to the Lord's table. Rev. E. Metzler and also Rev. Buckwalter spoke to the group. It was a great opportunity for many of us to examine ourselves again as they spoke from the Scriptures regarding our Lord's suffering and victory over death. After the messages people sat quietly and our chairman reminded the audience of the purpose of the Holy Communion.

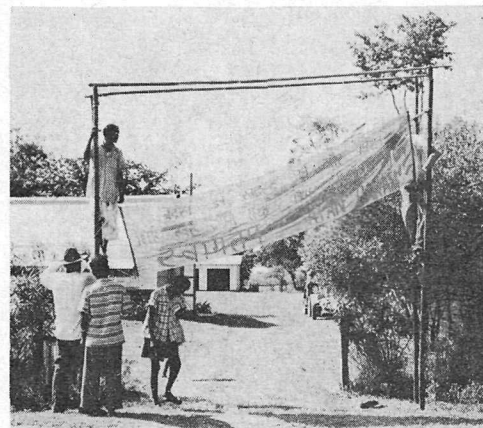
There were seven men on the platform to assist in serving the bread and the wine. In front of the Lord's table were Santals, Biharis, Uraons, missionaries, Anglo-Indians, but all were one in Jesus Christ. There was the presence of the Lord as everyone could feel. Those who would like to participate in the communion stood. The leader started serving from the back. Those who had received sat down and prepared themselves through prayer. When everyone had received the bread then all ate together at one time. This was really challenging to all. (Reported by S. N. Rai)

#### Thursday Afternoon

The Church Executive Committee was host to an official tea held on the front lawn of the bungalow. Special guests, besides the missionary family, included the overseas visitors and other visiting



The Treasurer is kept busy too.



Up goes the WELCOME sign, and a banner bearing the inscription in both Hindi and Santali: "Give All People the Good News That Jesus Is King."



Cheryl Sider garlands some of the special guests.



(LEFT) A part of the large crowd. (RIGHT) Allen and Leoda Smith Buckwalter bring special music.





**LOOK!** Yes, our **LOOK** pages are all given over to telling about the holy convocation which marked the Golden Jubilee of Brethren in Christ Missions in Bihar, India.

The missionaries have been exceptionally effective, we feel, in presenting in word and picture something of the blessing and high courage experienced at that time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord; and it is our prayer that as you read you may enter with us into a new sense of fellowship with the Church in India—with its joy in the Lord, with its particular problems of racism, deep poverty, hostile pagan forces, and its burden of unreached millions.

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personnel. In attendance were various government officials of the locale. A special film presentation was then given by personnel from the Purnea Publicity Department. Some Christian films were also shown.

TELEGRAM—from Mohulpahari Christian Hospital:

REV. SIDER MISSION HOUSE BANMAN-  
KHI ERIC LOWELL ARRIVED TUESDAY  
THIRD EVERYTHING FINE

MANN

Congratulations to Lowell and Anna Jean from all of us. We're tempted to call the new little Mann "Julsa"!

#### Seen on the Grounds

Roy Mann pruning fruit trees . . .

Tej Bahadur, new Nepali convert from Saharsa, turning cartwheels for the entertainment of admiring crowds . . .

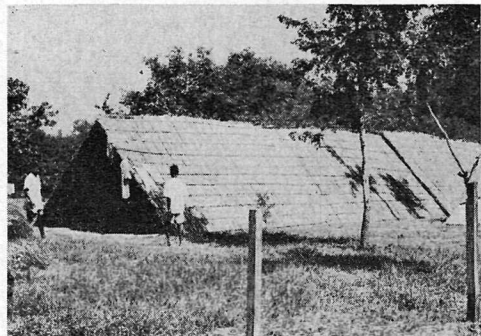
The ladies participating in races . . .

Vincent Bradley supervising the making of new shelters for the ever enlarging crowds . . .

Muslim bringing in a whole jeepload of bamboo mats . . .

Allen Buckwalter eating his curry and rice beside the P. A. system . . .

RETROSPECT—From the quiet hush of the Communion Service to the joyous laughter and relaxation which marked the school programs (reported elsewhere), we are yet conscious: *The Lord has been here.* And we thank Him!



Temporary sleeping shelters of thatch and bamboo.

Friday, November 6th

THE LAST DAY of the Jubilee celebrations in Banmankhi dawned clear and bright. The early morning chill and the heavy dew reminded us that winter is coming soon.

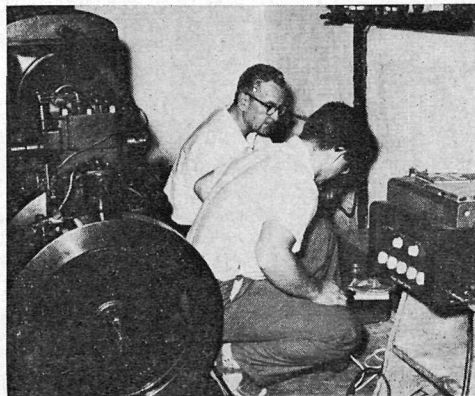
Today's activities were characterized by a sense of urgency: a desire to put into the limited time left for the Jubilee celebrations all that should be said and done, and urgency in the wider sense as we lifted our eyes and looked on the fields white unto harvest. May the Lord grant to the church in India and to us all a continuing sense of urgency!

THE UNFINISHED TASK—Pointing out the high percentage of converts recorded in all of Bihar during the last ten years, with Santal Parganas showing an unbelievable 609% in the last decade, Paul Lall of Bihar Christian Council urged that we place emphasis on those tribals who are now opening so remarkably to the Gospel message: "Put the effort where God is moving," he said in conclusion.

Vernon Reimer exhorted us to be strong in the Lord, speaking from Eph. 6:10-22.

Speaking from Acts 1:8, Rev. Roy Mann proclaimed the power of God available to every Christian: (1) Power to be, (2) Power to know, (3) Power to speak, (4) Power to do. Power to do what? To keep silent in face of criticism, to love everybody with God's love, to work together, to rejoice when others receive more honor than we, to give of both time and money.

The final challenge of a very full day came from Rev. Joseph Smith, son of



The public address system needs watching too.

the founder, H. L. Smith: "The cross was not an accident; it was a purposely planned death. The Resurrection proves the lordship of Jesus Christ. . . . Bowing before Jesus and acknowledging Him as 'My Lord and my God' brings us into the riches of His grace." Ending on this high note, Brother Smith challenged: *Preach the gospel, but preach*

*the gospel straight.*" A sense of the Lord's presence was very real in these last moments.

MISSION MEMORIES—The "Brief History of the Brethren in Christ Mission, 1914 to 1964," by Brother Isaac Paul, will be presented in the *Visitor* at a later date.

#### High Points

► Spontaneous cheers as over 1,000 people watched the resurrection scene in the film, "King of Kings"!

► Three cheers in the pandal in response to the request in Brother A. D. M. Dick's letter of greeting.

► The giving of land for two churches! An Uraon brother has given land for the building of a chapel in Barhial village (Purnea Dist.) and Mr. Harold Strong presented land papers for 1 c/r acres of land for a new church in Battania (Saharsa Dist.).

► The spontaneous answer of the church to the need for funds for building the Battania Chapel. Pledges flowed in after a special offering started the fund with Rs. 143.69.

► The presentation of a monetary gift for two chapels in Purnea District—sent by Mrs. B. Hoke, mother of Rev. Wm. Hoke, in memory of her husband.

GREETINGS, both verbal and written came from:



Awarding Bibles to the winning quiz team.

Rev. Roy Mann, representing the church in America and Africa.

The Board for World Missions.

Bishop Henry Ginder (Bishop of the Atlantic Conference) who visited our India missions in 1959.

Bishop Malagar, Mennonite Christian Service Fellowship of India.

Rev. E. Metzler and Mr. V. Reimer, MCC.

Mr. Paul L. Lall, Secretary of Bihar Christian Council.

Former Missionaries: Katie Smith Buckwalter, M. Effie Rohrer, David Rohrer, A. D. M. Dick, Anna Steckley Lehman, the Charles Engles, the George Pauluses, Sr., William Hoke and family, Ruth Book, Beulah Arnold, Mary Dick Myers, and Clarence Heise.



Rev. Dan Cronk, Supt. of the neighboring Free Will Baptist Mission.

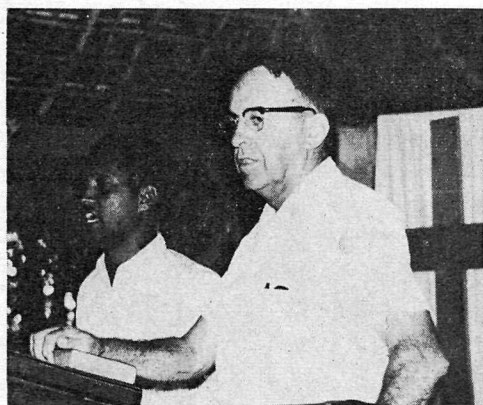
*Our warm thanks to each one who prayed for us!*

**BIBLE STUDY SESSION** (reported by roving reporter) — Dina Marandi teaching about a hundred Santal women from John 16:8—in the pandal.

Marietta Smith had 45 Hindi-speaking ladies enthralled with a study on the Samaritan Woman—on the verandah of the new hostel.

Twenty Santali-speaking young people listened to Patras Hembrom telling them about the kingdom of God—under the *shamiana*.

Sixty Santal children made the aluminum chapel ring with Santali tunes, clapping their hands in rhythm. Then they watched with interest the pictures showing what is in a man's unregenerated heart.



Rev. Roy Mann, representing the church in America and Africa, speaks at a service.

Mrs. Charan kept forty-five or more Hindi-speaking children occupied in the outdoor classroom near the bungalow.

Over a hundred men gathered in the thatched hut which served as the men's dorm and listened to the Word of God expounded by Brother Metzler.

The overall impression of this little tour was couched in the enthusiastic words of one of the teachers: "It was wonderful! They simply eat up the Word. They are wide open!" What a testimony to the presence of the Holy Spirit!

**PROGRAMS BY CHURCH DISTRICTS** — These had a strong appeal for the nationals and were attended by capacity crowds.

Brother Benjamin Marandi sat in the audience and watched a two hour portrayal by *Banmankhi* of his call to N. Bihar and early efforts there, accompanied by severe persecution of the Santal church.

*Saharsa's* portrayal of the Call of the Cross was exceedingly effective and a strong spiritual and emotional call to dedication.

*Barjora* did a play depicting the entry of sin into the world and the subsequent struggle between good and evil. V. Reimer, who directed drama in a Canadian high school for eight years, said that he didn't think he ever saw in his School drama anything exceeding the quality of this presentation by the Barjora group.

**SCHOOL PROGRAMS** — Programs by Saharsa and Barjora Schools were of high-



The Saharsa school teachers singing.

est quality and won an enthusiastic response from capacity audiences. Saharsa won the Bible Quiz, though Barjora was close behind, in spite of the flu epidemic which struck Barjora just before the Jubilee. Winning team members will each receive a copy of the Bible in Hindi; and competing members, a copy of the New Testament—gifts from the Saharsa Christian Book Store.

Barjora also gave an excellent rendition of "The Prodigal Son"—a creative effort of the staff and students under the able leadership of Rev. Hem K. Paul.

#### I Would Like to Say

"What an introduction to the India Brethren in Christ Church! We have been impressed with the way the Indian leaders have shown organization even when literally swamped with people. The patience and cooperation of the people was exceptional—no matter if waiting several hours past the scheduled meal time, waiting for the missing lens to be put into the slide projector, or waiting through an unusually long service! We were both deeply moved as we participated in our first communion service in India. A greater challenge than we ever felt before has been presented to us during this Jubilee celebration."

—*Jim and Doris Cober*

"Big and small, everybody was willing to help. There were no 'servants,' for everybody helped to do the servants' work."

—*Joey Christian*  
"It has been quite an encouragement to the Santal Christians."

—*Patras Hembrom*  
At first I wondered what a Jubilee is.



Mr. Harold Strong presents valuable piece of property for the erection of a church at Bhuttaniah.

When I arrived here, and helped prepare and worked in the Jubilee, I found I never felt tired, and spiritually speaking, spiritual strength and happiness—I walked and talked in it."—*Luke Murmu*

#### Saturday, November 7th

**IS THE JUBILEE ENDED?**—Officially, yes, for Banmankhi, last night—after a full day of activities and words of thanks to the many who helped to make it a time of so much blessing and inspiration. Brother Mann led in the closing prayer, and many people went off to pack their boxes and bedding rolls.

Actually, no.

One group of Santals faced up to "unfinished business" that very night. They had come to the Jubilee almost persuaded. Now they wanted to proclaim their faith openly. Benjamin Babu (an affectionate term for *father*) and the other Santal leaders were prepared to cooperate. The meeting of preparation went on throughout the night, singing, praying and preaching—until the morning came. Then a joyous march of triumph to the baptistry where seven young people proclaimed their newfound faith by baptism, Rev. R. Mann and Rev. B. Marandi performing the rites. Two men who wanted to go forward were told to wait until they win their families for the Lord. Eight other families are also an-

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A part of an attentive crowd.

ticipating an early date for baptism in their village. *The Jubilee is not ended at Banmankhi.*

## Jubilee Sunday, Saharsa Mission

THE UPWARD LOOK — As Brethren Metzler and Mann met before going into the morning service (in the church whose foundation was laid by Henry L. Smith), they discovered that the Spirit of God had given both of them the same text: "Looking unto Jesus . . ." Throughout the week we had been looking both backward and forward; and Heaven's directive now was upward!

Special singing included a trio by the Buckwalters, in Hindi, and a solo in English, "Oh, How I Love Him," by Brother Joe Smith, accompanied by his

sister, Leoda Buckwalter, on the accordion.

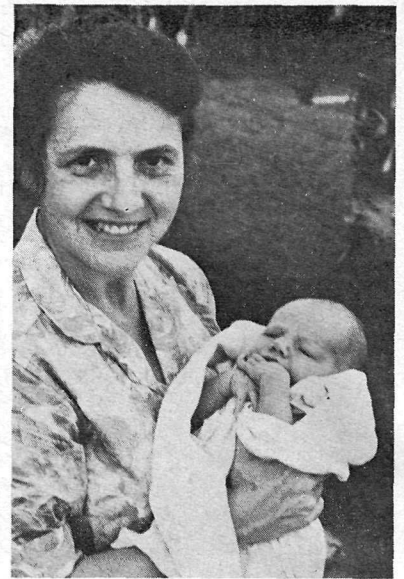
"IN MEMORIUM" — Immediately after the church service, the congregation went in procession to the cemetery headed by S. N. Rai, followed by two small girls carrying large cedar wreaths. Directly following came the Buckwalters, Smiths, daughter and son of founder), and A. M. Charan's family. At the graveside, Rev. A. L. Pye led in a short memorial service. Isaac Paul spoke with deep emotion and appreciation of the life of Brother Henry Smith as he had known him and then laid a wreath on the grave. Joe Smith spoke in appreciation of our Indian leaders and especially for the life of Rev. A. M. Charan. Then he laid a wreath upon this newer grave. A sense of reverence and respect hovered over the group. Prayers of victory and praise through our Lord closed the service.

"This was a colorful and moving ceremony, entirely indigenous in nature," writes Brother Pye. "It was suggested and planned by the Church Executive Committee without prompting from anyone else. The Saharsa Assistant District Magistrate who was present commented afterwards, 'Very impressive and fitting. It is our Indian way.'"

The entire congregation then met in the open courtyard behind the school principal's home for a time of fellowship and a cup of tea. Many old ties were strengthened, and a happy, joyous atmosphere prevailed.

MORE MEMORIES—The evening service was given over to past memories and an enlarging of our missionary vision.

We first saw the historical slides which Rev. A. D. M. Dick sent. People saw themselves as children in the orphan-



Latest arrival: Eric Lowell Mann and mother.

ages, on duty as teachers or hospital workers, in the 25th year Jubilee and in the 40th year *Julsa*. We concluded the evening with pictures of Brethren in Christ Mission work in Africa, New York City, and Japan.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY! ▶

## AN EARLY EVALUATION

by the Acting Field Superintendent

IT WENT OFF better than we had dared to hope. None of the possibilities for serious difficulty and trouble—always inherent in this type of situation—seemed to materialize. We are sure that the blessing of God was in the planning and believe that positive results have been achieved by the anniversary celebrations.

By the first night, Tuesday, we had nearly 525 registrations and this exceeded 600 by the second day. A fairly large number, however, failed to register, and we believe the total for the regular services would not have been under 800. On the night the film, "King of Kings" was shown, there were probably a thousand or more present. Quite a few of these would have been local non-Christians. (The registration figures include older children as well as adults.)

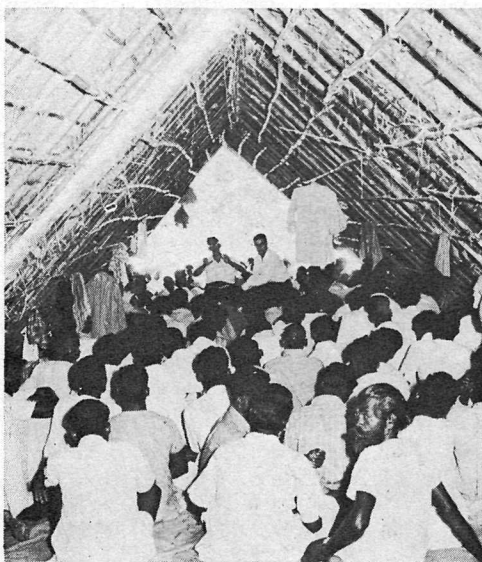
The *Julsa* may have been something of a landmark in respect to close cooperation between the two racial groups (Hindi-speaking and aboriginal). There was almost no sign of friction at all. Also, by and large, the committees appointed did excellent work.

In respect to definite spiritual results, we know of thirteen specific requests for baptism and believe others followed later. Some of these were baptized in Banmankhi; others are to be baptized later in their villages for the sake of the local witness.

We were glad for the presence of the Roy Manns and Ed. Metzler of the Akron MCC—also V. Reimer of MCC in Calcutta. Both Reimer and Metzler expressed deep appreciation for the opportunity to be with us.

This is just a very sketchy report written on the train (enroute home from seeing Manns off in Calcutta). Next week I'll get off material that will give you a much better idea of the program and proceedings.

Arthur Pye



Men's Bible study.